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Mr. Chairman and Members,

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report for the year 1967.

The estimated mid-year population again shows an increase over the previous year's figure, being 14,740 as against 14,260 for 1966.

The rate of new building has continued, 383 new dwellings being completed during the year, 142 of these were built by the Council, of which a number were allocated to tenants of condemned property.

The live birth rate of 21.03 per 1000 population shows a fall from last years' figure of 24.54 and the death rate per 1000 living is 5.97 as compared with 7.71 for the previous year.

There were no maternal deaths during the year.

The Home Safety Committee, which enjoys a grant from the Council and the County Council, continued to be active and a brief report from the Secretary appears in the body of the report.

Following the advice in the Ministry of Health Circular 17/66 and in co-operation with the County Authorities, a scheme to test the unpasteurised milk of producer/retailers for brucella organisms was started. As it happened there are at present no such retailers domiciled within the Urban District, but the milk on sale has been subjected to a similar scheme operated by the Rural District of Chesterfield.

There is a further advance in the direction of clean food.

Smoke Control has made steady progress in the district. Preparations went ahead for the number three Smoke Control Area which comes into operation on the 1st September, 1968.

Finally, it is a pleasure to acknowledge and thank the Council and Staff for their help and co-operation throughout the year.

DAVID P. ADAMS,

Medical Officer of Health.

John Reid Graham, M.B., Ch.B., St.And., D.P.H.

Dr. Graham came to this Council from Brighouse in 1931 when he was appointed to the post of Medical Officer of Health to the Rural District and to Dronfield and Clay Cross Urban Districts. When Staveley Urban District was formed from the Rural District in 1935, he became Medical Officer of Health to that Authority also.

He graduated in medicine at St. Andrew's University in 1923 and took the D.P.H. in 1925. His first public health post was as Deputy Medical Officer of Health and Tuberculosis Officer to Oldham and from there he moved to Brighouse as Medical Officer of Health.

He played an active part in the life of the area, his interests including golf, football and the Rotary Club. Following his retirement he remained in Chesterfield and often took on temporary medical work. He was a welcome visitor to the department during his retirement and we extend our sympathy to Mrs. Graham and her family in their sad loss.

Public Health Department

Chairman of the Council :

COUNCILLOR T. SMITH, A.C.I.S., J.P.

Chairman of the Health and Housing Committee :

COUNCILLOR N. J. HAMMOND.

Vice-Chairman :

COUNCILLOR MRS. E. R. BATTY.

Members of the Health and Housing Committee :

Councillors

MRS. E. R. BATTY MR. H. BROWES

MR. N. J. HAMMOND MR. A. HOY

MRS. A. M. ROBERTS MR. D. M. SCOTT

and MR. G. H. SPEED

Public Health Department Staff :

Medical Officer of Health :

DAVID P. ADAMS, M.B., CHB., D.P.H.

Public Health Inspector :

ERIC M. HOUSECROFT, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

Pupil Public Health Inspector :

PETER J. DIXON

Clerks :

MRS. M. J. SPOTSWOOD

MISS J.D. BROWNHILL

Part Time Rodent Operator :

MR. W. T. HULATT

Statistics

Area of District		3,452 acres
Population (Registrar General's figure)		14,740
Number of Houses, flats and bungalows in the district		5,172
Rateable Value at 31st March, 1967		£486,615
Estimated Product of Penny Rate for the Year ending 31st March, 1967		£1,926.3
LIVE BIRTHS	<i>M</i>	<i>F</i>
Total	157	153
Legitimate	153	151
Illegitimate	4	2
Rate per 1000 Population		21.03
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of Total Live Births		1.93
STILL BIRTHS	<i>M</i>	<i>F</i>
Legitimate	3	3
Illegitimate	—	—
Rate per 1000 Total Live and Still Births		18.98
TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS	160	156
INFANT DEATHS UNDER ONE YEAR		
Total	—	2
Legitimate	—	2
Illegitimate	—	—
INFANT MORTALITY RATES		
Total Infant Deaths per 1000 Total Live Births		6.45
Legitimate Infant Deaths per 1000 Legitimate Live Births		6.57
Illegitimate Infant Deaths per 1000 Illegitimate Live Births		—
NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE		
(Deaths under four weeks per 1,000 Total Live Births)		3.16
EARLY NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE		
(Deaths under one week per 1,000 Total Live Births)		3.16
PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE		
Stillbirths and Deaths under one week combined per 1,000 Total Live and Stillbirths)		25.31
MATERNAL MORTALITY RATE		
(including abortion) per 1,000 Live and Stillbirths)		—
DEATH RATE PER 1,000 LIVING		5.97
DEATHS FROM MEASLES, ALL AGES		—
DEATHS FROM WHOOPING COUGH, ALL AGES		—

Deaths in Age Groups, 1967

Age	Males	Females	Total
Under 4 weeks	—	2	2
4 weeks and under 1 year	—	—	—
1 – 4 years	1	—	1
5 – 14 years	1	—	1
15 – 24 years	3	1	4
25 – 34 years	—	—	—
35 – 44 years	—	2	2
45 – 54 years	2	3	5
55 – 64 years	6	9	15
65 – 74 years	17	9	26
75 years and over	14	18	32
	—	—	—
TOTAL	44	44	88
	—	—	—

Causes of Death

in the Dronfield District during 1967

	Males	Females	Total
Tuberculosis, Respiratory	1	—	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	2	2	4
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	2	1	3
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	—	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	—	1	1
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	1	2	3
Diabetes	—	1	1
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	4	6	10
Coronary Disease, Angina	12	13	25
Other Heart Disease	2	6	8
Other Circulatory Disease	5	—	5
Pneumonia	2	2	4
Bronchitis	4	—	4
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	1	—	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis	—	3	3
Congenital Malformations	1	1	2
Other Defined and Ill-defined Diseases	3	3	6
Motor Vehicle Accidents	3	—	3
All Other Accidents	1	2	3
	—	—	—
TOTAL	44	44	88
	—	—	—

Infectious Diseases, 1967

	Total Number Notified	Cases Admitted to Hospital
Scarlet Fever	21	—
Whooping Cough	3	—
Measles	336	1
Encephalitis Lethargica	—	—
Dysentery	4	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	—	—
Pneumonia	1	—
Food Poisoning	—	—
Erysipelas	—	—
Smallpox	—	—
Diphtheria	—	—
Enteric Fever	—	—
Meningococcal Infection	—	—
Poliomyelitis (Paralytic)	—	—
Poliomyelitis (Non-Paralytic)	—	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	—	—

National Health Service Act, 1946

Immunisation Against Diphtheria

The number of persons immunised against Diphtheria in the Urban District during 1967, is as follows:—

Primary immunisations 346 Booster injections 328

Tuberculosis Return for 1967

Age Period in years	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 1 year	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 year	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2 – 4 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5 – 9 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10 – 14 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15 – 19 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
20 – 24 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25 – 34 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
35 – 44 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
45 – 54 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55 – 64 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 – 74 years	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
75 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Age unknown	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total all ages	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—

Treatment Centre, Poolsbrook

SCABIES

	Adults	5 - 15	Under 5	Total
Bolsover U.D.C.	5	3	-	8
Chesterfield Borough	-	-	-	-
Chesterfield R.D.C.	12	10	3	25
Clay Cross U.D.C.	-	-	-	-
Clowne R.D.C.	1	1	3	5
Dronfield U.D.C.	-	-	-	-
Staveley U.D.C.	4	8	-	12
	—	—	—	—
	22	22	6	50
	—	—	—	—

HEAD LICE

Bolsover U.D.C.	-	-	-	-
Chesterfield Borough	-	-	-	-
Chesterfield R.D.C.	-	-	-	-
Clay Cross U.D.C.	-	-	-	-
Clowne R.D.C.	-	-	-	-
Dronfield U.D.C.	-	-	-	-
Staveley U.D.C.	-	-	-	-
	—	—	—	—
	—	—	—	—
	—	—	—	—
	—	—	—	—

SCABIES WITH VERMINOUS HEADS

Bolsover U.D.C.	-	-	-	-
Chesterfield Borough	-	-	-	-
Chesterfield R.D.C.	-	-	-	-
Clay Cross U.D.C.	-	-	-	-
Clowne R.D.C.	-	-	-	-
Dronfield U.D.C.	-	-	-	-
Staveley U.D.C.	-	-	-	-
	—	—	—	—
	—	—	—	—
	—	—	—	—

Diagnosis not confirmed

-

Miscellaneous

-

Pediculosis Corporis

-

Pediculosis Pubis

-

North Derbyshire Water Board
Report to Medical Officer of Health on the
Water Supply to Dronfield Urban District
Year 1967

The supplying authority to the area was the North Derbyshire Water Board. The treatment plants at Barbrook and Smeekley provide the source of water to the area. Treatment involves metal removal and chlorination.

Distribution is from covered service reservoirs.

The resultant quality of the supplied waters is generally satisfactory.

The quantity proved adequate for normal household purposes although restrictions were imposed on the use of hosepipes.

Chemical and Bacteriological analyses are carried out in the Board's laboratories. All raw, treated and distributed waters are examined at least monthly. The number of examinations involved in 1967 being :—

Bacteriological 304 Chemical 215

Bacteriological results on treated waters have been consistent with standards laid down by the Ministry of Health. Chemical results in view of the number of water sources involved vary considerably with location, and approximate extremes of variation are :—

pH	7.0	9.5
Alkalinity (CaCO ₃)	10	220 mg/1 ;
Hardness (CaCO ₃)	50	180 mg/1 ;
Chloride (Cl.)	11	15 mg/1 ;
Fluoride F.	< 0.1	0.4 mg/1 ;

The treated waters in the area have given rise to no concern on the grounds of plumbo solvency, and analyses on the supply water at source, in distribution and overnight standing in lead service pipes have yielded figures within the recently revised acceptable lead concentration.

The number of houses connected during the year was 339.

No major schemes were undertaken in the area.

2,562 yards of main were laid for housing developments.

Before being brought into service all newly laid mains were washed out, sterilised and samples examined to ensure satisfactory bacteriological and physical results were obtained.

No action was necessary in respect of any other form of post treatment contamination.

The waters were monitored to detect any excessive amounts of radioactive substances.

Monthly reports of current bacteriological and physical results were forwarded to the Medical Officer of Health.

Home Safety Committee

The Home Safety Committee inaugurated on the 3rd February 1966 has been active throughout the year 1967.

On Dronfield Gala and Cycle Parade Day, 15th July, 1967, a combined effort with the Road Safety Committee produced a Tableau Scene on a decorated vehicle, the theme—"Proficiency and Protection." In a marquee in Cliffe Park on exhibition was inflammable attire, "buy for safety" types of pots and pans and there was a continuous film which attracted hundreds of visitors. The Fire Service had a demonstration caravan, displaying the hazards of fire and the need for safety. Competitions were held in local Schools during October, in which children had to name wrongly depicted scenes or articles not safe to use in the home. On November 1st prizes and certificates were awarded to successful children at an open night held in the Church Hall. The Speaker was a Fire Prevention Officer, who also illustrated his talk with films. County Alderman G. W. Cocker, J.P., presented awards and certificates and Mrs. B. W. Matthews was in the Chair.

Twelve "Flashing Lights" are installed in elderly people's dwellings, where they are living alone, for their use in time of need : these are being maintained by two male members of the Committee.

Lectures on "Resuscitation" with the model, given by Divisional Officer C. Wright, St. John's Ambulance Brigade. "Lifting and Handling" by Councillor L. Howson, "The Use and Misuse of Electricity in the Home" by Mr. A. Roberts of the Yorkshire Electricity Board and "First Aid treatment of Wounds and Bleeding" by Bro. F. Edwards, St. John's Ambulance Brigade, all contained useful information for members to pass on to their respective organisations.

All members attended regularly throughout the year and many of them were alive to the needs of the elderly and young alike, for the promotion of safety in the home.

Sewage and Sewage Disposal

I wish to thank the Engineer and Surveyor for the following report :—

During the year, work commenced on the major extensions to the Sewage Works off Chesterfield Road, and also on the construction of a Pumping Station to replace the obsolete Bowshaw Sewage Plant.

As part of the same contract, numerous sewers are being laid and these include a main outfall sewer from the Sewage Works to Gosforth Valley to serve the proposed residential development ; a surface water outfall sewer from Gomersal Lane to the River Drone,

this being laid to relieve flooding which occurs in the School Lane—Lea Road areas, and also a new sewer in Stubley Hollow—Wreakes Lane to serve existing properties which, at the present time, are served by cesspools.

In addition, numerous sewer extensions have been made by private developers on the various new housing estates throughout the district.

Dronfield Urban District Council

Annual Report

of the

Public Health Inspector

Eric M. Housecroft, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.,

for the year ending 31st December, 1967

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Herewith my annual report on the work of the Health Department for the calendar year 1967.

The normal day to day work continued in a satisfactory manner and during the year a 100% inspection under the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963 was completed—only minor infringements of the Act were found and the majority of these had been remedied by the end of the year.

As reported in the 1966 Annual Report, the No. 3 Smoke Control Order had been sent to the Minister for confirmation—this Order was confirmed on the 24th February 1967, to come into operation on the 1st September 1968 : the rate of conversions during 1967 was very slow indeed and I anticipate a rush in the spring and summer of 1968. The preliminary work for the No. 4 Area was well under way at the end of the year.

The Council's decision to clear choked drains from private premises free of charge has been very favourably received, in practice we are finding some difficulty in doing this work as quickly as we may do, owing to a number of householders covering over the drains inspection chambers, which are usually situated in the rear gardens of new property ; they are, I agree, an eyesore, but when one is covered over it causes considerable delay in removing the obstruction from the drainage system. If this practice continues, then the question of charging for this work will have to be considered.

Housing Act, 1957

Slum Clearance

The following list shows the premises dealt with and action taken during the year 1967 :—

Castle Cottage, Soaper Lane, Dronfield.

Maple Cottage, Foresters Lane, Coal Aston.

Cedar Cottage, Foresters Lane, Coal Aston.

Represented as unfit for human habitation on the 13th February, 1967.

Castle Cottage, Soaper Lane, Dronfield.

Demolition Order made on the 5th June, 1967.

39, 41 and 43 Princess Road, Dronfield.

Represented as unfit for human habitation on the 5th June, 1967.

10, 12 and 14 High Street, Dronfield.

Represented as unfit for human habitation on the 5th June, 1967.

Maple and Cedar Cottages, Foresters Lane, Coal Aston.

Undertaking to convert to one house and render fit for human habitation accepted.

39, 41 and 43 Princess Road, Dronfield.

Demolition Order made on the 4th September, 1967.

10, 12 and 14 High Street, Dronfield.

Closing Orders made on the 4th September, 1967.

6 and 8 Salisbury Road, Dronfield.

Represented as unfit for human habitation on the 9th October, 1967.

The following 33 dwellings were demolished during the year 1967 :—

1, 2, 3, 4 Kiln Hill, Coal Aston.

1, 2, 3, 4 The Cross, Coal Aston.

16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 Long Acre Road, Hill Top, Dronfield.

90, 102, 103, 104, 106, 107 Sheffield Road, Dronfield.

58, 60, 62 Snape Hill Lane, Dronfield.

9, 11, 13, 15, 33, 35 Snape Hill Lane, Dronfield.

25 Upper School Lane, Dronfield.

19 and 21 Stubley Lane, Dronfield.

A well-maintained payment was approved in respect of one dwelling condemned.

New Housing

The rate of new building continued apace in the district. The local authority completed 142 dwellings and private enterprise built 241 dwellings, this being the highest number of dwellings built in any one year since the last war ended. The annual building schedule since 1946 is set out below :—

Year	Local Authority	Private Enterprise Housing
1946	.. 50	19
1947	.. 76	31
1948	.. 99	12
1949	.. 49	15
1950	.. 6	10
1951	.. 24	6
1952	.. 40	8
1953	.. 4	43
1954	.. 28	53
1955	.. 44	129
1956	.. 10	193
1957	.. 64	181
1958	.. —	217
1959	.. 10	238
1960	.. 88	225
1961	.. 68	225
1962	.. 48	183
1963	.. —	94
1964	.. 24	196
1965	.. 70	190
1966	.. 28	178
1967	.. 142	241
	—	—
	972	2687
	—	—

Improvement Grants

The following list gives details of the applications :—

STANDARD GRANTS :—

- The Cottage, Kiln Hill, Coal Aston.
- 51 Eckington Road, Coal Aston.
- 26 and 28 Victoria Street, Dronfield.
- 9 Cecil Road, Dronfield.
- Cedar Cottage, Forester's Lane, Coal Aston.
- 2 Cunliffe Street, Coal Aston.
- 242 Holmley Lane, Dronfield.

64 Hallowes Lane, Dronfield.
Southwood Farmhouse, Hill Top Road, Dronfield.
82 Chesterfield Road, Dronfield.
1 Alexandra Road, Dronfield.
65 Princess Road, Dronfield.
70 Chesterfield Road, Dronfield (refused).
Rose Cottage, Stone Road, Coal Aston.
Mickley Farm, Rod Moor Road, Dronfield Woodhouse.

DISCRETIONARY GRANTS :—

54 Princess Road, Dronfield.
18 Egerton Road, Dronfield.
62 Hallowes Lane, Dronfield.
“Grindlegate,” Half Acre Lane, Dronfield.

The applications for grants continue at a steady rate—16 for Standard Grants and 4 for Discretionary Grants=20 in all. The preponderance of applications are still coming from owner occupiers, of the 20 applications received only 3 Standard and 1 Discretionary grant were in respect of tenanted property. Two standard grant applications were not proceeded with and one Standard grant was refused, owing to non-compliance with the requirements.

Rent Act, 1957

There was no action found necessary or taken during the year under review.

Clean Air Act, 1956 Smoke Control Areas

The Dronfield Urban District (No. 3) Smoke Control Order 1966 was confirmed without modification on the 24th February, 1967, to come into operation on the 1st September, 1968. This area covers approximately 440 acres and 590 Premises. Work of preparation for the No. 4 Area was under way towards the end of the year.

Deposit Gauges

The two deposit gauges and the two sulphur candles are still operating on the same sites and once again improvement can be seen in the figures over previous years : but only the sulphur figures are available for August, due to the Callywhite Lane deposit gauge having been interfered with.

Rainfall was rather higher than average.

Two solid fuel steam boilers were taken out from one Works and an automatic oil fired boiler fixed in their place.

Readings for the year 1967 are as follows :—

LEA ROAD

	Soot Deposit Tons per sq. mile	pH value	mg of SO ₃ /day per 100 sq. cms. of Pb O ₂	Rainfall in inches
1967				
January	9.50	5.3	1.21	1.76
February	7.32	4.9	0.84	2.42
March	10.47	4.8	0.55	2.04
April	9.37	5.6	1.16	1.28
May	17.15	4.3	0.82	6.70
June	10.90	6.2	0.50	0.63
July	13.94	6.0	0.61	1.83
August	8.84	6.0	0.45	2.12
September	7.29	5.9	0.39	3.14
October	7.38	6.0	0.22	3.98
November	11.89	4.8	0.66	2.44
December	7.34	5.6	0.96	1.79
TOTAL	121.39	65.4	8.37	30.13
Monthly Average	10.12	5.45	0.69	2.51

CALLYWHITE LANE

	Soot Deposit Tons per sq. mile	pH value	mg of SO ₃ /day per 100 sq. cms. of Pb O ₂	Rainfall in inches
1967				
January	6.58	5.1	1.51	1.60
February	6.91	4.6	1.15	2.36
March	10.54	4.7	0.91	1.71
April	7.15	5.1	1.12	1.18
May	12.78	4.2	0.91	6.72
June	6.58	5.6	0.55	0.57
July	10.81	5.6	0.73	2.07
August	No report	No report	0.42	No report
September	7.75	5.1	0.71	3.02
October	6.84	5.5	0.67	3.63
November	5.77	4.3	1.32	2.40
December	5.34	4.5	1.03	1.58
TOTAL	87.05	54.3	10.98	26.84
Monthly Average	7.91	4.93	0.99	2.44

The following table shows the complete yearly figures for the two sets of instruments :—

LEA ROAD

YEAR	Deposit Tons per sq. mile	Monthly Average	mg. of SO ₃ / day per 100 sq. cm. of Pb.O ₂ Monthly Average	Total Rainfall	Monthly Average Rainfall
1959	146.86	12.238	1.305	21.99	1.332
1960	150.73	12.56	1.574	33.92	2.82
1961	119.04	10.82	1.07	27.07	2.26
	(11 mths. only)				
1962	133.27	11.106	1.185	23.99	2.00
1963	138.55	11.545	1.243	26.19	2.168
1964	138.20	11.516	1.141	22.68	1.89
1965	129.00	11.73	0.95	31.16	2.83
	(11 mths. only)			(11 mths. only)	
1966	131.46	10.955	0.856	35.83	2.985
1967	121.39	10.12	0.69	30.13	2.51

CALLYWHITE LANE

YEAR	Deposit Tons per sq. mile	Monthly Average	mg. of SO ₃ /day per 100 sq. cm. of Pb.O ₂ Monthly Average	Total Rainfall	Monthly Average Rainfall
1959	145.75	12.146	1.17	21.77	1.82
1960	112.99	9.42	1.48	36.96	3.08
1961	97.59	8.872	1.27	26.45	2.20
	(11 mths. only)				
1962	100.18	8.35	1.12	23.35	1.945
1963	88.12	9.791	1.129	16.40	1.82
	(9 mths. only)			(9 mths. only)	
1964	90.06	8.187	1.127	19.41	1.764
	(11 mths. only)			(11 mths. only)	
1965	122.78	12.28	1.09	28.66	2.87
	(10 mths. only)			(10 mths. only)	
1966	116.48	9.707	0.991	34.43	2.87
1967	87.05	7.91	0.92	26.84	2.44
	(11 mths. only)			(11 mths. only)	

Slaughter of Animals Act, 1958

The following person had his licence to slaughter or stun animals in a Slaughterhouse or Knackers' Yard renewed for the year ended 31st December, 1967 :—

William Cartledge.

Food and Drugs Act, 1955

Food Shops, Food Stores and Bakehouses in the district are visited intermittently and in general the standard of cleanliness is satisfactory : attempts are being made to persuade food handlers to use tongs when handling open foodstuffs.

The following items which came to light raises the question of stock rotation. A Choc Roll was purchased on the 14th September, 1967 and found to be affected with a mould growth and when the coding was checked, it was found that the date of manufacture was the 3rd July, 1967 : this was obviously a case of old stock being pushed back out of the way and fresh stock being sold first.

In another case, a packet of Cereals bought on the 11th September, 1967 had the closing date for a competition stamped on the packet as 21st May, 1966—here again, lack of proper stock rotation.

Foodstuffs condemned and destroyed as unfit for human consumption were as follows :—

- 50 lb. rolled and salted pork.
- 1 tin Chicken Breast.
- 2 tins Danish Pork.
- 1 tin Rice Pudding.
- 1 tin Pilchards.
- 1 tin Fruit Salad.
- 1 tin Plum Tomatoes.
- 1 tin Pears.
- 70 lb. Sultanas.

Ice Cream

The following premises were registered for the sale and/or storage of prepacked ice cream :—

The Post Office, Dyche Lane, Coal Aston.

Hawker of Food

There was one new registration for a Hawker of Food :—

Miss Vera Kay, 82 Chesterfield Road, Dronfield.
Wet Fish and Poultry.

Food and Milk Sampling

I am indebted to Mr. J. Markland, B.Sc., F.R.I.C., County Analyst and to Dr. J. B. S. Morgan, County Medical Officer of Health, who have supplied the information regarding (a) Food Samples and (b) Milk Samples taken in the Dronfield area by County Sampling Officers.

- (a) 46 Samples including 20 Milk Samples were taken in the Dronfield area. One sample of Sweets and a sample of Cake decorations each contained a non-permitted colouring matter—the manufacturers were cautioned : all the other samples were satisfactory.

Milk (Special Designation) Regulations 1963

- (b) Sample results for the Year 1967

Untreated Milk

Methylene Blue		Biological	
Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
—	—	—	—

Pasteurised Milk

Methylene Blue		Phosphatase	
Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
8	—	12	—

Sterilised Milk

Turbidity	
Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
2	—

Total number of samples 14.

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960

Number of premises covered by the above	56
Number of premises which comply with Regulation 16	56
Number of premises covered by Regulation 19	56
Number of premises which comply with Regulation 19	56

Petroleum (Regulation) Acts, 1928 and 1936

Licences under the above Acts were granted for the storage of Petroleum Spirit as follows:—

	Gallons
Banner Plant Ltd.	500
Burnett & Hallamshire Fuel, Ltd.	500
Derbyshire County Council	1,000
Dronfield Urban District Council	500
Wm. Gunstone & Sons, Ltd.	4,000
Woodleigh Garage (Harold Hobson)	6,000
Dronfield Service Station	9,000
Wm. Outram & Sons, Ltd.	1,000
P. & V. (Mining and Engineering) Ltd.	1,000
Prestwich Macadams, Ltd.	2,000
Slater Bros. (Dronfield) Ltd. in cans	300
Slater Bros. (Dronfield) Ltd.	1,000
Sheaf Motors of Coal Aston, Ltd.	6,000
Coach and Horses Garage (Wood & Horsfield)	2,000
Howson's Neon Signs, Ltd.	500
Graphoidal Developments, Ltd.	500
Stubley Garage Ltd.	9,000
Walker & Carson, Ltd.	500
Wm. Lee & Sons (Malleable) Ltd. in cans	100
Dronfield & District Joint Burial Committee in cans	10
James Childs & Sons, Ltd.	500
TOTAL	45,910

Four new licences were issued for private use.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

Our rodent service continues to operate very satisfactorily—very few reports being more than 48 hours before attention is given to them.

All Local Authority premises (including the refuse tip) and farms in the area are given regular inspections, the public sewers are almost free of rats—there still being small infestations in two places.

96 reports of infestation of rats or mice were received during the year, all of which were found to be infested.

Treatments were carried out in all cases.

40 private premises and 35 farms were inspected, other than as a result of notification.

35 Wasp nests were destroyed, this was a considerable increase over 1966. I am inclined to the opinion that this increase was due to more people being aware of the service we offer, than to an actual increase in the wasp population.

Animal Boarding Establishments Act, 1963

One licence in respect of cats only was renewed under the above act to Mrs. B. J. Windle, The Cottage, Mickley Lane, Dronfield Woodhouse : this licence expires on the 31st December, 1967.

Pet Animals Act, 1951

One application was received and approved for the issue of a licence for a Pet Shop at 10 Sheffield Road, Dronfield : this licence expires on the 31st December, 1967.

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963

The following table shows the position relative to registrations at 31/12/67 :—

Class of Premises	Number of premises newly registered during the Year	Total number of registered premises at end of Year	Number of registered premises receiving one or more general inspections during the Year
Offices	1	21	6
Retail Shops	1	46	13
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	—	1	1
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	2	4	5
Fuel Storage depots	—	—	—
Number of visits of all kinds made to registered premises			133

NUMBER OF PERSONS EMPLOYED

Class of Premises	Total
Offices	167
Retail Shops	186
Wholesale departments, Warehouses	9
Catering establishments open to the public	21
Canteens	-
Fuel storage depots	-
	—
TOTAL	383
	—

Males 177 Females 206

Factories Act, 1961

1. Inspections for purposes as to health (including inspection by the Public Health Inspector).

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Inspections (3)	Number of Written Notice (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which section 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	-	-	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	65	20	4	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	10	15	2	-
	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	75	35	6	—
	—	—	—	—

Factories Act, 1961

2. Cases in which defects were found :—

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found			Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred to H.M. Inspector (4)	
Want of Cleanliness (S1)	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S2)	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable Temperature (S3)	—	—	—	—
Inadequate Ventilation (S4)	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S6)	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S7)	—	—	—	—
(a) Insufficient	1	1	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	5	5	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	6	6	—	—

Factories Act, 1961

Part VIII

Nature of Work (1)	Section 133			Section 134			
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 133 (1) (c) (2)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (3)	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists (4)		No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises (5)	Notices served (6)	Prosecutions (7)
Wearing apparel { Making, etc. } Cleaning and Washing	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Record of Visits During 1967

Accumulations	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Alleged Dirty Houses	..	..	..	..	..	..	9
Alterations to existing Property	..	..	..	..	..	..	17
Animal Boarding Establishments	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Bakehouses and Food Premises	..	..	..	..	..	..	200
Cesspools	..	..	..	..	..	..	22
Choked Drains	..	..	..	..	..	..	144
Choked Sewers	..	..	..	..	..	..	49
Choked W.C's	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Clean Air Act, 1956	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,348
New W.C's	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Defective Drains	..	..	..	..	..	..	83
Drains tested	..	..	..	..	..	..	27
New Drains	..	..	..	..	..	..	33
Dust Bins	..	..	..	..	..	..	301
Factories	..	..	..	..	..	..	35
Housing Act, 1957	..	..	..	..	..	..	107
Housing Defects general	..	..	..	..	..	..	103
Ice Cream	..	..	..	..	..	..	16
Infectious diseases and food poisoning	..	..	..	..	..	..	74
Improvement Grants	..	..	..	..	..	..	189
Interviews with Builders	..	..	..	..	..	..	13
Miscellaneous	..	..	..	..	..	..	61
Nuisances from Poultry, Dyke, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	65
Noise Abatement	..	..	..	..	..	..	16
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act	..	..	..	..	..	..	133
Offensive Smells	..	..	..	..	..	..	58
Pail Closets	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Pet Shops	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Petroleum Licences	..	..	..	..	..	..	77
Public Conveniences	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Rats and Mice	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,052
Infestations—flies, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Hairdressing Establishments	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Complaints from Public re Foodstuffs	..	..	..	..	..	..	9
Persons in need of care, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Wasps nests, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	42
Visits to Council Houses	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
W.C. defects	..	..	..	..	..	..	12
Defective Wastepipes	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Water Samples	..	..	..	..	..	..	31
Water Supplies	..	..	..	..	..	..	44

Work Carried Out During the Year 1967

Aeeumulations removed	..	..	..	..	..	18
Burst Water pipes repaired	..	..	..	..	..	4
Ceiling plaster repaired	..	..	..	..	..	5
Choked drains cleared	..	..	..	..	..	38
Number of premises affected	..	..	..	..	..	100
Defective drains repaired	..	..	..	..	..	13
New Drains laid	..	20 ft.	6 in.	30 ft.	4 in.	
House roofs repaired	..	..	..	..	..	19
House doors repaired	..	..	..	..	..	4
House floors repaired	..	..	..	..	..	10
House paths repaired	..	..	..	..	..	3
New Bathrooms and Baths	..	..	..	..	..	13
New Drains tested and laid	..	..	..	(197 ft.)		29
New Dust Bins supplied	..	..	..	..	..	425
Eaves Spouts repaired	..	..	..	(131 ft.)		
Inspection Chambers—new or repaired	..	..	..	..	..	19
Rainwater Pipes renewed or repaired	..	..	..	(36 ft.)		
New Sinks	..	..	..	..	..	7
New trapped gullies	..	..	..	..	..	23
Waste pipes repaired	..	..	..	..	..	2
Wash Hand Basins, new	..	..	..	..	..	15
W.C's, new	..	..	..	..	..	20
W.C's, repaired	..	..	..	..	..	11
Soil Pipes, new	..	..	..	(144 ft.)		
Ventilation Pipes, new	..	..	..	(162 ft.)		
Wallplaster repaired	..	..	..	..	..	11
Hot Water Systems, new	..	..	..	..	..	11
House Windows repaired or renewed	..	..	..	..	..	13
Wasp Nests destroyed	..	..	..	..	..	35
Cesspools disused	..	..	..	..	..	1
Cesspools eonstructed	..	..	..	..	..	1
Rising and penetrative dampness	..	..	..	..	..	15
Ventilated Food Stores	..	..	..	..	..	7
Water Samples	..	..	..	..	..	18
Water supplies improved	..	..	..	..	..	3

